



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 27, 2009

### **H.R. 1053** **Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on July 29, 2009*

H.R. 1053 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop, no later than one year after the bill's enactment, a management plan for the Chesapeake Bay Program and restoration activities related to the bay. EPA would be required to update the management plan every three years. The legislation would require new financial reports on the Chesapeake Bay Program from the Office of Management and Budget and would require EPA to appoint an independent evaluator, who would review and report to the Congress on the management plan for the bay.

Based on information from EPA, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$1 million in 2010 and less than \$500,000 annually in subsequent years, subject to the availability of appropriations. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 1053 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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